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BARRINGTON CONDOMINIUM FLATS ST. CLAIR WEST

West end tower will incorporate a unique elevator parking system

BUILDERS/DEVELOPERS

Lash Group of Companies and The Goldman Group

SIZE

592 to 928 square feet

PRICE

From the mid-\$300,000s

SALES CENTRE

522 St. Clair Ave. W., west of Bathurst Street. Open Monday and Wednesday from noon to 6 p.m.; Thursday from noon to 8 p.m.; weekends from noon to 5 p.m.

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For the Lash Group of Companies and The Goldman Group, every second counts when it comes to elevator wait times in their new boutique building on St. Clair Avenue West. But not just to get residents quickly to their condominiums, but to shuttle drivers to their cars.

"We are the first condominium in Toronto offering automated elevator parking, which is predominant in New York and Paris," says Murray Goldman, chairman



Barrington Condominium Flats near St. Clair West station will have a range of unit sizes, all the way up to three-bedroom plans.

of The Goldman Group. "I went to New York to try several of them and my biggest concern was whether there would be any delays and frankly there weren't."

Eliminating ramps and reducing the use of lights, ventilation and energy will optimize space and efficiency of the garage, where residents with a spot – priced at \$35,000 – can fetch their cars with a hand-held remote.

"People will get a fob like they

get for their garage door, they'll push their fob button and the elevator will come down ... [to] take you down to either three levels below grade or two levels above grade, wherever your parking spot is assigned," says Larry Blankenstein of the Lash Group of Companies.

"People think it's a cool concept, and there will be two elevators."

The parking system will be a distinguishing feature of the 18-

storey building at 1486 Bathurst St., north of St. Clair Avenue West, in a neighbourhood where the developers built buildings at 500, 530 and 743 St. Clair Avenue West.

"It's an extension of our other buildings that were a success in the area ... [which] is getting more popular and more desirable for people to live in," says Mr. Blankenstein. "Upscale restaurants and other merchants are moving in."

This fall, previews began for the infill project – named Barrington Condominium Flats, a nod to an esteemed figure in Mr. Goldman's native Halifax – which will be surrounded by numerous essentials and entertainment options, including a Loblaws, Sir Winston Churchill Park and the St. Clair West subway station.

"The location is superb for anybody who is into urban living," says Mr. Goldman. "We're 100 feet [30 metres] from the subway, we're on four streetcars and bus routes and we're in the centre of a lovely shopping area."

This modern building designed by El Richmond Architects will also add retail space and private amenities, such as a fitness centre and a fifth floor multipurpose room with a kitchen, dining

area and terrace with barbecues.

"El Richmond has a very good handle on creating unique and distinct looks for each one of those buildings," says Mr. Blankenstein.

The bulk of the building will accommodate 93 suites ranging from one-bedroom-plus-a-den layouts to three-bedroom plans with open principal rooms, floor-to-ceiling windows and at least one balcony or terrace.

"We're getting a lot of calls for larger units, which signifies that families want to live there rather than downtown," says Mr. Goldman. "Since that particular corner at Bathurst and St. Clair is a high point of land, the land slopes down to the north, south, east and west, so the ravines of Lake Ontario and the ravine system are just fantastic."

Interior designs by Tanner Hill and Associates will be upscale with nine-foot ceilings, porcelain tile, pre-engineered hardwood floors and broadloom carpeting, plus granite or quartz kitchen counters and stainless steel appliances.

Monthly fees will total 63 cents a square foot and lockers are priced at \$5,000.

Occupancy is slated for fall 2017.